

# Notice of Exemption

# Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research  
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County Clerk  
County of: Contra Costa  
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From: (Public Agency): CA Dept. of Water Resources  
1416 9th Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

(Address)

Project Title: West Tracy Fault Geophysical Investigation

Project Applicant: CA Department of Water Resources

Project Location - Specific:

37.856359° Latitude, -121.620847° Longitude

Project Location - City: N/A Project Location - County: Contra Costa County

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR), Division of Engineering (DOE), Project Geology Section, proposes to conduct Seismic Reflection Data Acquisition work along a transect perpendicular to the West Tracy Fault. A specialized vehicle called a "vibroseis", will lower a metal plate and hydraulically vibrate the plate to send sound waves into the subsurface. The reflected sound will be recorded by microphones and transmitted to a field trailer. The vibroseis will move to several pre-determined locations and deploy the metal plate to provide a 3-D model of the subsurface.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: CA Department of Water Resources

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: CA Department of Water Resources

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Information Collection Class 6, Section 15306, 14CCR
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

Class 6 Categorical Exemptions per CEQA Guidelines Section 15306: Information Collection exempts actions that will be used for data collection and resource evaluation. DWR has evaluated the project for potential to impact sensitive biological and cultural resources. DWR has determined that the project does not have the potential for significant impacts.

Lead Agency  
Contact Person: Don Hoirup Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 376-9890

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project?  Yes  No

Signature: Don Hoirup Date: 6/23/2021 Title: Senior Eng Geol

Signed by Lead Agency  Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_